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1. On 13 March, two field kitchens and a number of tents were seen near the swimming pool in the woods north of Bad Bibra (M 52/J 69). A large tent camp of at least 20 tents of various sizes occupied by 250 to 300 soldiers with black epaulets and about 60 camouflaged vehicles were seen in the woods north of the main bathing establishment. The soldiers were seen cutting and debarking trees. Two 2-wire lines lay along the street and two 2-wire lines led across the fields to a building at 4 Bahnhofstrasse, Bad Bibra. Soldiers were seen operating portable switchboards in this building. Five tents, a sedan and truck stood in the yard. Between 50 and 60 soldiers were seen in the building and the yard. Motor vehicles and a convoy of 10 trucks drove in the direction of the tent camp. Armored personnel carrier with a rod antenna came from the direction of the tent camp. (1)

2. About 30 sedans, 70 trucks, and 2 armored vehicles were seen driving from the Berliner Ring autobahn toward Jünersdorf and turning toward Zehrendorf between 10:15 and 12:30 a.m. on 12 March. The sedans were occupied by officers while the trucks carried an undetermined load rather than soldiers. (2)

3. A train carrying 30 new trucks, escorted by about 30 men stood at the Zossen railroad station on 10 March. A railroadman stated that they were destined for Thuringia. Small equipment and billeting equipment were loaded on boxcars and gondola cars at the Zossen railroad station on 14 March.

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Eight trucks, [REDACTED] towing model 42 45-mm AT guns and carrying at least 100 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were seen leaving Jueterbog-Neues Lager (N 52/E 69) at 9:30 a.m. on 14 March. (5)

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[REDACTED] 5. 25X1 On 20 March, [REDACTED] the Forst Zinna railroad station near Jueterbog, [REDACTED] 6 x 76.2-mm field guns, 4 x 100-mm AT guns, 1 field kitchen and 5 trucks [REDACTED] (6) 25X1

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[REDACTED] Comments.

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- (1) Elements, which participated in the command-post exercise which began in the area northwest of Naumburg on 3 March, were still quartered in the tent camps in and around Bad Fibra on 3 March. [REDACTED]

- (2) All vehicles belong to the GDR. The purpose of the exercise cannot be interpreted

- (3) The loading on 14 March was probably in conjunction with the transfer to the AA firing range in Wustrow of elements of the unidentified AAA division of the Third Gds Pecz Army from that area. [REDACTED]

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- (4) [REDACTED] confirms the 50th Intel Regt of the Third Gds Pecz Army prior to 4 March 1952. The regiment is stationed in Wensdorf. [REDACTED]

- (5) The column which left the installation belongs to the 4th (?) Gds AT Arty Brig of the IV Arty Corps which is stationed in Neues Lager.

- (6) The unit belongs to the 6th Gds Tank Div. A train from Wittenberg may have arrived at Forst Zinna railroad station or the unit was entrained there for Wittenberg after completing firing practices at the troop training grounds at Werder-Markendorf.

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